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The Marcolite

Polo Community High School The Marcos

A Talk with the Coaches

Coaches Ditzler and Joines, or as they might be known by some, The Emilys. They did an awesome job this year with the volleyball girls (obviously), and the varsity girls ended with a 22-11 record (the best record in ten years), so we sat down and asked them to reflect a bit.



Tell us about a funny moment from the season.

ED: There were so many funny moments this season! Let's see, I'm pretty sure myself or one of the girls always ended up with a volleyball to the face. There is also the time Varsity and JV had an impromptu performance of Cotton-Eyed Joe both at Forreston and in practice. Oh, and we can't forget all of the "your mom" jokes and how horrible I am at catching them "shoulder tapping" me!

EJ: I would say getting hit in the face by one of Kiwi's spikes during warm-up was brain jarring at first but pretty funny after the fact (like three or four days after, once my headache subsided). Otherwise, listening to the girls belt out their favorite tunes … (continued on page 12)

Some really good news on page 13!





Contact us!
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Brand New Club Experience in Our Area?! See page 4 for all the information!



An Interview with PCHS's First Student of the Month for the year: page 5



This Week's Birthdays:

Laura Wright	11/4
Isabelle Blumhoff	11/4
Jeffrey Donaldson	11/5
Thomas Falk	11/5

In Case You Missed the Announcements:

Spanish Club t-shirt order forms are available in Señora G's room; the forms are due with payment to Señora G by Tomorrow!

Just a reminder to Winter sport athletes that are not still competing in a Fall sport….your sports fees must be paid before your first game or meet. You must have a current physical on file with the nurse in order to start practicing.

There will be a FCCLA meeting Thursday during homeroom in the cafeteria.

Need Community Service Hours?

Marco Cafe always needs help! We are now up and running! The shifts are morning, lunch, and homeroom on Fridays only. Contact mallen@poloschools.net, mmcbride@poloschools.net, or dreece@poloschools.net, and one of them will get you on a list. You may also speak with Mrs. Roberts to sign up.

Polo Women's Club:
11/06/2021 8:30-11:30 @ Crossroads ~ helping with the distribution of coats for the coat drive. (Can split the time in hour increments if needed)

Polo Christmas Festival Committee :
12/04/2021 8:00-9:00 helping vendors unload merchandise for the craft show.
Please stop in the office for a phone number to call for more information.t

🏐 *Volleyball Tournament!* 🏐

When : During Homeroom November 18th Thur. - 19th Fri. - 22nd Mon. - 23rd Tue.

Where: PCHS High School Gym

Why: To have some fun and raise funds to help graduating seniors with scholarships

Who: Freshman through Senior are welcome to play and attend, middle school homerooms are welcome to attend.

Teams: Co-Ed (3 girls and 3 boys per team) *you can only play on one team

Cost: $5 a player or $30 a team if you are playing! If you want to watch for that day it is a Minimum of a $1 donation per day! If your team is NOT playing that day and you want to watch you must pay the $1 donation. All teams playing must pay prior to the first day of the tournament.

Incentive: The winning team will get the privilege of bumping, setting, and possibly spiking against a team made up of ***TEACHERS*** on the last day of the tournament!

Contact: Ms. Joines or Mr. Sands with any questions and to sign up a team today!(money due prior to the tournament, preferred on the day of sign up.)

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*Each year the Polo Education Association awards graduating seniors with scholarships to help with their continuing education. Be sure to look into them. You DO NOT need to be going into the field of Education to be awarded a scholarship. The following list of teachers will be helping those graduating seniors this year follow their dreams with a little extra cash!

T. Alston, S. Bazarek, D. Benner, G. Cole, B. Colquitt, J. Culbertson, L. Diehl, E. Ditzler, T. Hardin, C. Hillison, K. Hollowell, S. Hopkins, M. Jaeger, E. Joines, K. Jones, J. Kelln, J. Lennon, N. Linder, D. McAnally, J. Merrell, M. Messer, E. Petraski, R. Phillips, C. Plock, R. Plock, D. Reece, J. Sanders, J. Sands, S. Schlegel, S. Schultz, N. Smith, B. Soltow, A. Wetzell, L. Wetzel, E. Wilhelms, K. Wolfley, J. Yingling

Studio 99

Production by A&A



What is studio 99? It is a new attraction for high schoolers based on the Chicago club experience. Studio 99 is here to give you a place to dance the night away. You no longer need to wait for next year's homecoming dance or prom. Come have fun with us!

A little bit about A&A: We were exposed to an ongoing event called teen mixers which took place each month. The experience was exciting and fun so we want to share it with this generation. You will be able to go to a fun party with your friends and without your parents all night. We will try to have this every month or from time to time.

Wondering what to expect? Well, get ready to dance the night away and have a blast! We'll have refreshments and snacks for a small price. There will also be a DJ, who we introduced on our Instagram page: DJ Shades! Remember that this is only for you high schoolers! To get in, it will be like a club and you have to bring a student ID. We don't want younger kids or adults/parents ruining your night! A&A's location will be in the Ogle and Lee County area. On November 27th, it will be in your town of Polo, at Town Hall. What A&A is looking to give is nights full of fun and memories for you and your friends, so come join us and have some fun! Don't forget to tell your out-of-town friends, because it's for everyone!

Follow on Instagram for information: studio99_aa
Also on Snapchat: aa-production

September Student of the Month: *Natalie Nelson*

Favorite teacher?
Alicia Garrett. She always puts her students first in whatever she does and she is just a kind person.

If you could create any new class at your school, what would it be and why?
An AP class about Psychology or Sociology. I took the classes last year and really enjoyed them.

How would you describe your group of friends?
Hilarious, competitive, and smart.

If you could change one thing about your school, what would it be and why?
Longer lunches. Driving to Dixon would be much less stressful.

What does it take to be a successful high school student?
Work hard and consistently on your assignments and never be afraid to ask for help.

What do you do in your free time, outside of school activities?
I love to read and paint.



What's one thing in your life you can't do without?
Caffeine, most days it the only thing keeping me going

What scares you?
Any kind of rodents

If you could try any job for the day, what would it be and why?
Astronaut. It just seems interesting and fun.

If you could go anywhere in the world for free, where would it be and why?
Anywhere in Europe, there's so many things to see.

What is your favorite childhood memory?
Christmas mornings

What is the best way to cheer you up?
Ice Cream
What is your favorite …
Movie: *Tangled* TV show: *Parks and Recreation* Pro or college sports team: Cubs

Upperclassman of the Week

This week's feature: Ryelan Lindaas

What age do you wish to be and why?

11, so I can have more people in my car.

What do you do for fun?

Bop some kids in Fortnite Battle Royale.



If you got to change your name, what would you change it to and why?

Mad Rad Tad, because that'd be rad.

What's the funniest joke you know by heart?

"What's the difference between Coach Bargar and a bumble bee?"
I don't know either, man.

What old person thing do you do?

Admire the job after cuttin' the ole grass.

What do you look forward to in high school?

Graduating and being able to do more stuff.

Underclassman of the Week

This week's feature: Riley Woodin

What is the dumbest way you've been injured?

Slipping on ice.

What old person thing do you do?

I complain about how my knees and shoulders hurt.

What is the funniest joke you know by heart?

I don't really know any jokes.

How do you deal with change?

I just go with the flow.

What age do you wish to be and why?

18, so I can be done with school.

What advice would you give younger students?

School gets harder!



Guess that Marco

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Freshman: C. Wilkins Sophmore: T. Tornow Junior: K. Cavanaugh Senior:T. Merdian

Marco Sports

Football: The Marcos Had their first playoff game last Saturday against the West Prairie Cyclones! Once again the Marcos took it to them with an ending score of 66-16. The Marcos will move on to play Milford Cissna Park on Saturday on our home field.



Volleyball: The Lady Marcos season came to an end last week. It was a tough loss to Anawan in AFC for the regional semi final. Although it's over, the Marcos had one of the best seasons ever in the history of Polo Highschool in the last 10 years.

XC: The XC runners had a big Sectionals meet on Saturday. The whole girls team ran an awesome race. Ben Plachno also ran an amazing race. Carson Jones ran so well he will be advancing to state on Saturday in Peoria! All the runners had an awesome season and were all very successful.



Basketball

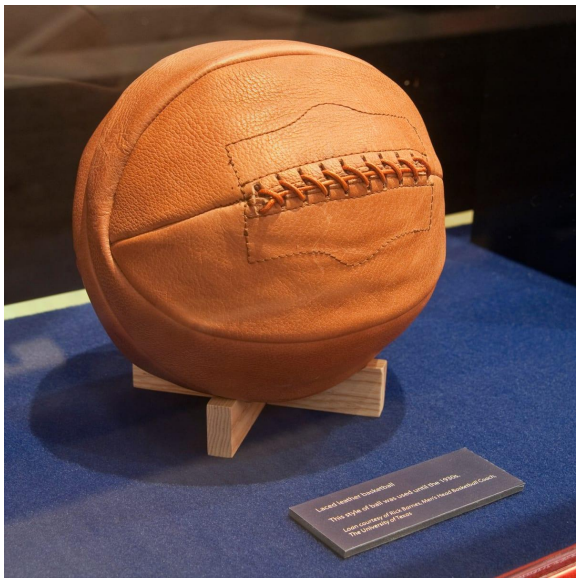


The history of basketball begins with its invention in 1891 in Springfield, Massachusetts by Canadian physical education instructor James Naismith as a less injury-prone sport than football. The 31-year-old Canadian native drew on his knowledge of rugby, lacrosse and a childhood game known as "duck on a rock," which combined tag with throwing, to dream up a new sport.





On December 21, 1891, Naismith cleared the athletic equipment off the gymnasium's wooden floor and picked up a soccer ball. For that first game of basketball in 1891, Naismith used two half-bushel peach baskets as goals, which gave the sport its name. The students were enthusiastic. Naismith later wrote the official rule book on the sport and founded the University of Kansas team.



Fun Old-Timey Basketball Facts

- Dribbling wasn't allowed
- The game was much shorter
- There were originally 9 players on each team, rather than 5, because 18 people showed up to play in the first game.
- There were originally only two 15-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime.
- Slam dunks were banned until 1967

Sporty Folks (Volleyball)

By – Micah S

Courtney Bushman - Junior

What position do you play?

Defense Specialist

How did you get started playing volleyball?

My sisters had played all through high school, and I've liked volleyball since 6th grade.

What is your favorite part of playing volleyball?

My teammates, because they make volleyball fun!

What is your favorite anecdote from your volleyball career?

When I tried to block, I tipped it.

What is a team you enjoyed playing this year, and why?

Millidgeville, because we are rivals!



A Talk with the Emilys (Continued from cover)



on the bus is always super entertaining. This group is collectively very humorous and always giggling about something so there was never a dull moment during practice or at games.

Tell us about a moment that made you proud this season.

ED: When the girls worked together as a team to get third in our Polo Tournament! Also, when we beat Forreston on their own court. That was the best I have ever seen them play.

EJ: I was crazy proud of the effort and heart it took to win some big games this season. We beat Forreston twice and beat Pearl City once, also battling in sets against some other top teams. That kind of effort ended in a 20+ win season which is quite an achievement.

What was your favorite part of coaching the PCHS volleyball team this year?

ED: I loved coaching these girls. They are such a great group and were the reason I wanted to coach this year. I loved seeing their growth individually and as a team with both their skills and mental toughness.

EJ: That I had these kids when they were little munchkins in 8th grade and now coaching them as juniors and seniors. The progress they have made in volleyball is fun to see, but I'm more impressed with how they've grown as young adults. I tell my college friends all the time about how fortunate we are at Polo to have such great students and a fun work environment. These girls make that statement true ten times over. With their positive attitudes, good work ethic, awesome character, and love of the game, they have made this season and my first year coaching varsity volleyball one of the best.



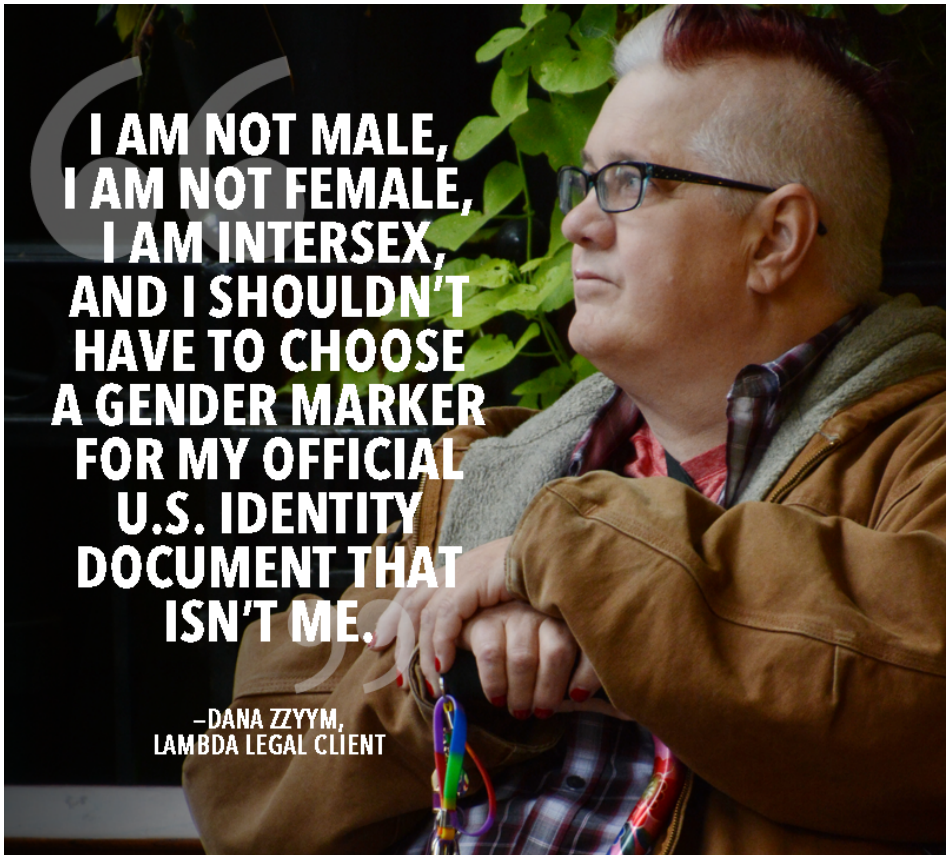
What's your history with playing volleyball?

ED: I played volleyball from 6th grade through my senior year of high school. I still love to play volleyball recreationally.

EJ: I was on the team when I was in high school but didn't play much. I won't lie, volleyball was not one of my favorite sports. For the past couple years, I have played one or two nights a week when I'm not in season. We even just had a Halloween Volleyball night open gym on Monday. You may recognize another Polo faculty member in the picture.

For advice or help, or even just someone to talk to, if comfortable, email
mallen@poloschools.net
I am a safe space.

The LGBTQ+ community is discriminated against on the daily, but here is some positive news. The United States is finally allowing gender neutral identity on passports. It is labeled as “X”.



Not only is this a big step for nonbinary people, but is also a big step for people who are intersex.

Intersex simply means that someone is born with reproductive organs that don’t fit neatly in either the male or female categories.

We will keep fighting for our rights within our community.



This is a step in the right direction. Dana Zzyym had been fighting for this right in court since 2015. They just simply wanted to be seen as an intersex person, which is biologically and exactly what they are.

Random National Holidays

11/18/21:Use Less Stuff Day

11/19/21:Cook For Your Pets Day

11/20/21:National Absurdity

11/21/21:World Hello Day

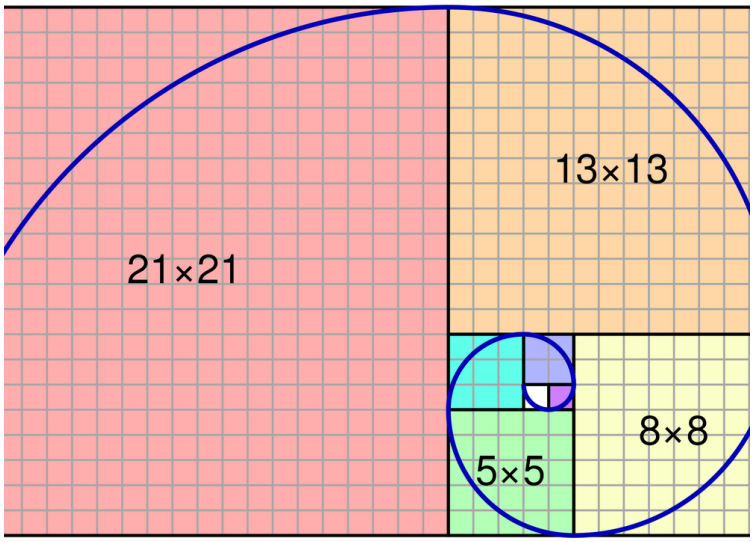
11/22/21: Go For a Ride Day

11/23/21:Fibonacci Day

11/24/21:Celebrate Unique Talent Day

11/25/21:Shopping Reminder Day

Monica Miller



Don’t know who Fibonacci is? Show Mrs. Plock this and ask her 🙂

---------- These Days In History ----------

Fun, Wacky, and Weird -- but always interesting -- News from the Past

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK - OCTOBER 29, 1929

During the time period from 1929 to 1939, many Americans were struggling to make ends meet -- The Great Depression. Many depended on the stock market to bail them out of their crisis that they were experiencing at the homefront. But something really turned this time period into one for the worst, and that was when the stock market crashed. Millions of investors lost their shares that were in the stock market. Black Tuesday is what it would be known as in history books.


BLACK TUESDAY

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1929

THE STOCK MARKET CRASH OF 1929

BY BARBARA SILBERDICK FEINBERG

NEW YORK, OCTOBER 29 — An-other hurricane of liquidation hit the stock market today, as financial uncertainty fed on rumor and turned to panic. Frightened investors ordered

Crowds Gathered On Wall Street As The Market Went Into Historical Decline

NEVADA - OCTOBER 31, 1864

Due to the re-election of Abraham Lincoln, Congress quickly accepted Nevada into the Union as the 36th state. This new state showed great interest in Lincoln in his ideals, such as passing the 13th Amendment (which abolished slavery) in the Union. This state would help many settlers move westward toward California, which had been busy due to the iconic gold rush that was bringing in money for the settlers.



Propaganda

Given some response from “haters” of the Bird of the Week segment, a conversation was had with a few upstanding citizens of the school. Here are their responses.

Mr. Reece’s response:

“My homing pigeon died. I'm afraid it's going to come back to haunt me.”

Mr. Reece first off I’m very sorry for your loss … but *The Bird of the Week* was not made to fear but rather to praise. Maybe think of The *Bird of the Week* as a **permanent** memorial to your homing pigeon rather than an unwanted reminder of it’s death. As to it coming back to haunt you I find very unlikely; your pigeon should have no reason to haunt you... unless.

Miss Scott’s response:

“I think the majority of the people think it's funny but just don't understand it. *Most* people realize it's spelled wrong and then realize the joke. For example, Mr. Faivre thinks it's funny. 😂”

I agree, Miss. Scott, and also appreciate the Mr. Faivre name drop.

Oliver Kaczmarski’s response:

“I lived in England where pigeons were literally everywhere. They’re the most resilient things I've seen, definitely not weak”

Arguing that *The Bird of the Week* isn’t weak is a fair argument but a weak one at best (no pun intended) *The Bird of the Week* was and has nothing to do with the durability of pigeons, but rather a comment on the social and economic status of this one particular pigeon.

Writers Note:

I argue that the **readers who fear** the **unknown** and **dislike** what they don’t understand may be the problem at hand. I believe the term for those types of people is “**Boomer.**” *The Bird of the Week* was made for enjoyment (not to upset anyone), but it is slightly enjoyable knowing that people are legitimately angered by something so small and insignificant to their life.

TOP TWO MOVIES IN 2021

VENOM: LET THERE BE CARNAGE

Eddie Brock is still struggling to coexist with the shape-shifting extraterrestrial Venom. When deranged serial killer Cletus Kasady also becomes host to an alien symbiote, Brock and Venom must put aside their differences to stop his reign of terror.



SHANG-CHI AND THE LEGEND OF THE TEN RINGS-

Marvel Studios' Shang-Chi and The Legend of The Ten Rings stars Simu Liu as Shang-Chi, who must confront the past he thought he left behind when he is drawn into the web of the mysterious Ten Rings organization.



Bird Of The Weak.



Pigeon.

Recipes From Around the World

Notes

- Russian Dinner Item
- Schi Soup
- Prep Time: 15 Mins
- Cook Time: 40 mins
- Total: 55 mins
- Servings: 6

Ingredients

- 3 Tbs unsalted butter
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 large head cabbage, shredded
- 1 large carrot, peeled and grated
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- Black Peppercorns
- 8 cups vegetable stock or water
- 2 russet potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 2 large tomatoes, peeled and chopped
- salt and pepper, to taste
- sour cream and fresh dill for garnish

Directions

1.) Add the butter to a large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onion and sauté until translucent.

2.) Add the shredded cabbage, grated carrot, and chopped celery. Sauté about 3 minutes, stirring frequently.

3.) Add the bay leaf and black peppercorns. Pour in the water or vegetable stock and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for 15 minutes

4.) Add the potatoes to the soup and bring it back to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, until the potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes.

5.) Add the chopped fresh tomatoes and bring the soup back to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

6.) Remove peppercorns and bay leaves



Enjoy!

🌍World News: Iran's Gas Stations Closed After Cyberattack

A cyberattack crippled gas stations across Iran on Tuesday, leaving angry motorists stranded in long lines.



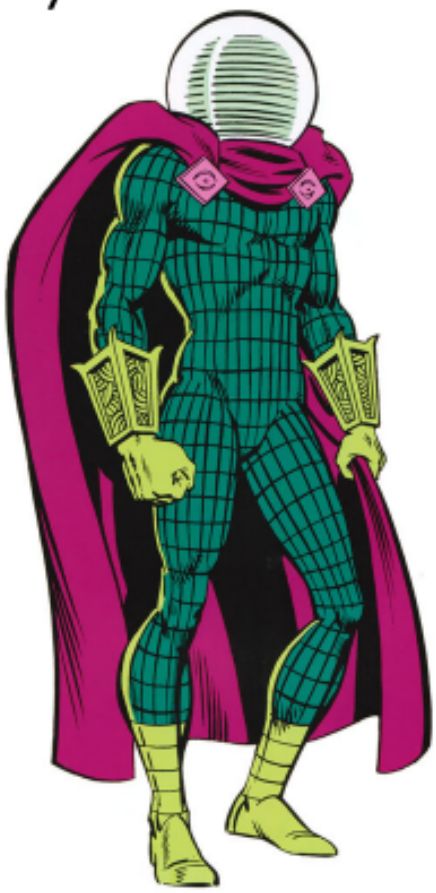
No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which rendered useless the government-issued electronic cards that many Iranians use to buy fuel at the pump. It bore similarities to another attack months earlier that seemed to directly challenge Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, as the country's economy buckled under American sanctions. Those economic problems worsen as the U.S. and Iran have yet to jointly re-enter Tehran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers. State television quoted an unnamed official in the country's National Security Council recognizing the cyberattack, hours after it aired images of long lines of cars waiting to fill up in Tehran.

Associated Press journalists also saw lines of cars at Tehran gas stations, with the pumps off and the station closed. Cheap gasoline is practically considered a birthright in Iran, home to the world’s fourth-largest crude oil reserves despite decades of economic distress.



Comic Book Character of the Week - Villian

Mysterio - Marvel Comics



Other Appearances in Marvel / Media

Mysterio has made many Different Apperances in Media, especially Marvel for Instance: ***Spectacular Spiderman Tv Series, Spiderman: Far From Home, Spiderman: Shattered Dimensions***

Mysterio made his first mysterious debut in "**The Amazing Spider-Man, Issue #13,** in 1964. Where in the begining of the issue Spiderman is seen robbing a bank and escaping the police, The media and The Daily Bugle are all shocked and immediately publish news stories and papers about the Famous Wall Crawler becoming a thief and a Menace, However this is all an elaborate ruse by Mysterio, He then sends a message to J Jonah Jameson, The Head of the Daily Bugle, That he would be willing to take down Spiderman. Mysterio even gives JJ an Envelope in which he instructs Jameson to print on the Daily Bugle, As it states that Mysterio will meet Spiderman at the Brooklyn Bridge, Peter Parker aka Spiderman lerans about this from reading the Daily Bugle Newspaper and In fact Meets Mysterio at the Brooklyn Bridge, Mysterio defeats the Wall Crawler. Spiderman Has a Second confrontattion with Mysterio where we finally get to learn Mysterios Identity and origin, Mysterio aka Quentin Beck, a stunt man who later on in his career became special effects artist, one day he had gotten the Idea to Imitate Spiderman and make him out to be a Criminal, Spiderman tricks Mysterio by recording his monolouge all on his Tape Recorder, Which then leads to their fight and ultimately Mysterios Defeat. Due to Mysterios Expirence in the Business of Special Effects he is able to make illusinonary tricks that almost seem like magic, For Instance Him being able to vanish out of thin air is thanks to the use of Artificial Fog or Smoke, or the use of other Gadgets

Random Facts of the Week

Dolphins only shut half their brain off to sleep. The other half stays at a low level of alertness to protect against predators.





About 75% of your brain is made up of water.

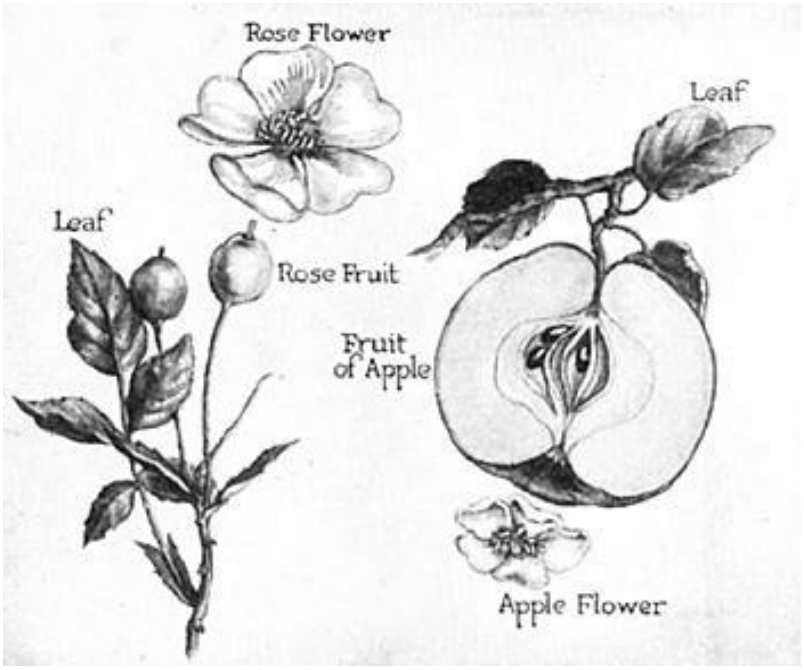
It takes about 50 licks to finish just one scoop of ice cream.

Your nose gets warmer when you lie.

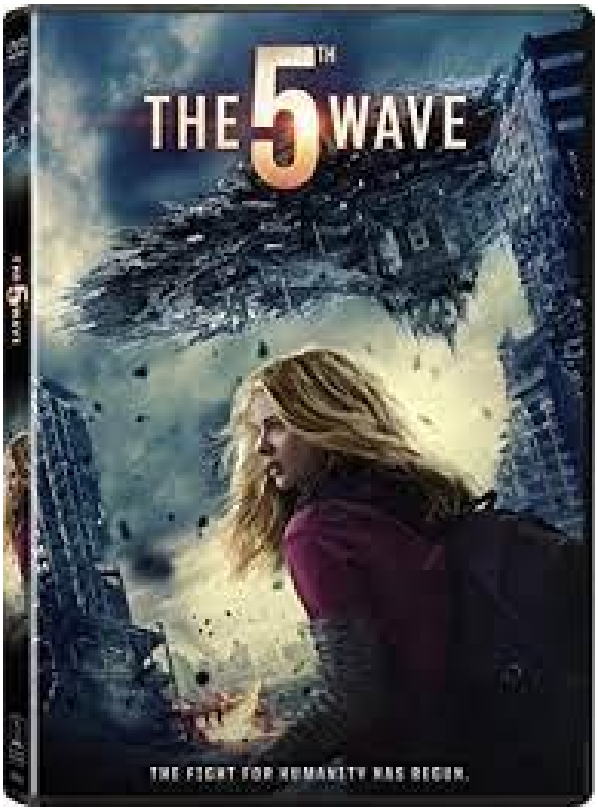




Apples are actually part of the rose family.



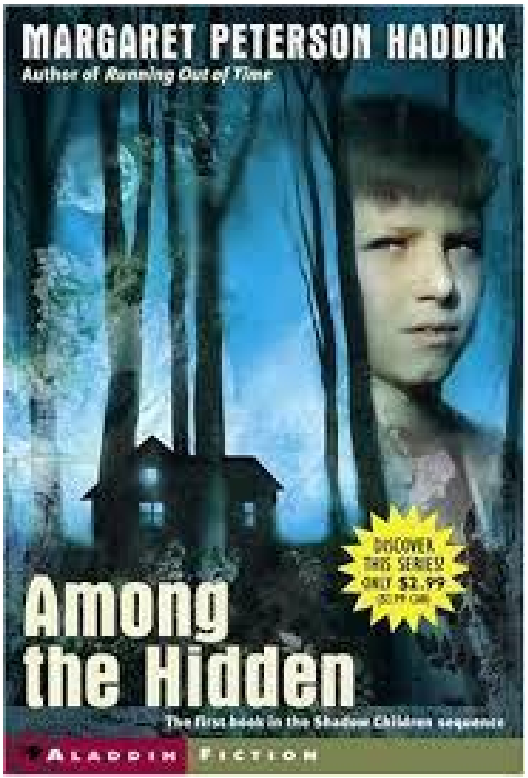
Popular Books



The 5th Wave is a story of the Earth undergoing an alien apocalypse. It follows the story of a girl called Cassie who is one of the few survivors of the human race. The human race has slowly been knocked out by different waves of terror: ... The fifth wave is in essence the total eradication of the human race.

Author: Rick Yancey





A boy named Luke Gardner, who is a third child in a world where only two children are allowed per family. He lives in hiding and befriends a neighboring third child, named Jen Talbot.

Author: Margaret Peterson Haddix

JOKES

How do you organize a space party? You planet.



WHY DID THE COACH GO TO THE BANK?

TO GET HIS QUARTER BACK